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### SECTIONS 42.12; 42.21; 42.24; 42.41; 42.42; AND 42.43

#### MAJOR CHANGES

1. 42.12 Exhibit I: The country of Zaire changed its name to Democratic Republic of The Congo. The exhibit has been amended to reflect this change.
2. 42.21 Notes and Exhibits: The notes have been updated and reorganized. The notes regarding the processing of orphans have been entirely rewritten. New exhibits have been added incorporating INS regulations.
3. 42.24 Related Statutory Provisions: A new section 42.24 has been created for Amerasians eligible for immigration under Pub. L. 101-202. Pertinent statutory provisions are included.
4. 42.41 Notes, Procedural Notes and Exhibits: Notes, procedural notes and exhibits have been updated and reorganized. The notes and procedural notes have been revised to incorporate the role of the National Visa Center. Additionally, the procedural notes regarding blood and genetic testing have been expanded.
5. 42.42 Notes and Procedural Notes: Notes and procedural notes are updated and revised to reflect changes in the INS regulations regarding petition procedures.
6. 42.43 Notes, Procedural Notes and Exhibits: Notes and procedural notes are updated and revised to reflect changes in INS procedures for revoking and returning petitions.
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